

DAMAGE SURVEY REPORT (DSR)
Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Recovery

Section 1A

Date of Report: 03-20-06

DSR Number: DSR 019-05-073R Project Number:

NRCS Entry Only

Eligible: YES ☒ NO ☐
Approved: YES ☒ NO ☐
Funding Priority Number (from Section 4) 2 de
Limited Resource Area: YES ☐ NO ☒

Section 1B Sponsor

Sponsor Name: Gravity Drainage District 6/ Ward 5 and 6

Address: PO Box 906

City/State/Zip: DeQuincy, La. 70633

Telephone Number: Fax:

Section 1C Site Location Information

County: Calcasieu State: La Congressional District:

Latitude: N30.43959 Longitude: W93.41752 Section: 19/20 Township: T7s Range: R10W

UTM Coordinates:

Drainage Name: Buxton Creek Reigmaiden Road Reach: Reigmaiden Road-North 900 ft

Damage Description: Channel Debris

Section 1D Site Evaluation

All answers in this Section must be YES in order to be eligible for EWP assistance.

Site Eligibility	YES	NO	Remarks
Damage was a result of a natural disaster?*	X		Hurricane Rita
Recovery measures would be for runoff retardation or soil erosion prevention?*	X		
Threat to life and/or property?*	X		
Event caused a sudden impairment in the watershed?*	X		
Imminent threat was created by this event?**	X		
For structural repairs, not repaired twice within ten years?***	X		
Site Defensibility			
Economic, environmental, and social documentation adequate to warrant action? (Go to pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 ***)	X		
Proposed action technically viable? (Go to Page 9 ***)	X		

Have all the appropriate steps been taken to ensure that all segments of the affected population have been informed of the EWP program and its possible effects? YES X NO

Comments: Gravity Drainage District

* Statutory

** Regulation

*** DSR Pages 3 through 6 and 9 are required to support the decisions recorded on this summary page. If additional space is needed on this or any other page in this form, add appropriate pages. 1 of 14

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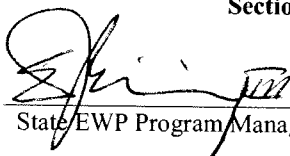
Section 1E Proposed Action

Describe the preferred alternative from Findings: Section 5 A:

Total installation cost identified in this DSR: Section 3:

Section 1F NRCS State Office Review and Approval

Reviewed By: _____


State EWP Program Manager

Date Reviewed: 4/4/06

Approved By: _____

State Conservationist

Date Approved: _____

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Section 2 Environmental Evaluation

2A Resource Concerns	2B Existing Condition	2C Alternatives and Effects		
		Proposed Action	No Action	Alternative
		Remove tree tops, tree trunks, tree root balls and other debris from one side of drainage system and burn.	No removal of tree tops, tree trunks, tree root balls and other debris from drainage system.	Remove tree tops, tree trunks, tree root balls and other debris from both sides of drainage system. See sec. 1E for specific information.
2D Effects of Alternatives				
Soil				
Bank erosion	10 tons/acre	5 tons/acre	10 tons/acre	5 tons/acre
Compaction	n/a	Slight increase due to equipment	n/a	Moderate increase due to equipment
Water				
Flooding	Property and homes upstream subject to flooding from blockages	Upstream flooding significantly reduced during peak rainfall events once debris is removed	Property and homes subject to continued flooding during rainfall events	Upstream flooding significantly reduced during peak rainfall events once debris is removed
Excessive sediments and turbidity	Stream flow is minimally impacted in various points along drainage system from sediment and existing root balls will increase turbidity	Removal of root balls will significantly reduce sediments entering into drainage system and reduce scouring effects	Sedimentation and turbidity will increase due to scouring	Removal of root balls will significantly reduce sediments entering into drainage system and reduce scouring effects
Stream health (SVAP)	4.5 (Poor)	5.2 (Poor)	4.5 (Poor)	5.2 (Poor)
Air				
Particulate matter	n/a	Temporary increase in particulate matter above 10 PM from burning/smoke	n/a	Dry conditions will increase moderately with use of equipment
Plant				
Plant health	Moderate decrease due to increase of debris	Removal of moderate debris will reduce plant suppression and moderately increase diversity of species.	Plant health will be suppressed until abundant debris decays.	Removal of moderate debris to increase plant health will moderately increase diversity of species.
Riparian Area	Moderate damage has occurred through loss of large trees	Removal of debris will allow for moderate increase in re-vegetative processes	Invasive species are present and may become predominate, causing impacts on benefits of buffer	Removal of moderate amount of debris will moderately increase benefits of buffer
Animal				
Aquatic life	Increased debris has caused stagnant water pools and traditional patterns have been interrupted	Removal of moderate debris will moderately increase natural conditions	Stagnant water pools may cause significant accumulation of undesirable aquatic species.	Removal of moderate debris will moderately increase flowage and recreate natural conditions
Small animals	Loss of large cavity trees as cover and source of food	Removal of suppressional debris will significantly increase escape cover by increasing understory growth and development of seed sources	Slow regeneration	Removal of suppressional debris will significantly increase enhancement and development of seed sources in an efficient period of time.
Other				
Human	Entanglement of large trees, tree tops, and tree root balls.	Safety factor of children will be significantly increased due to adjoining home sites	Safety issue	Safety factor of children will be significantly increased due to adjoining home sites
Aesthetics	Entanglement of unsightly clutter of tops, logs, and root balls	Significantly increase through removal of trees and debris	Cause more unsightly conditions through accelerated growth of vines and brambles	Significantly increase through removal of trees and debris

Section 2E Special Environmental Concerns

Resource Consideration	Existing Condition	Alternatives and Effects		
		Proposed Action	No Action	Alternative
Clean Water Act Waters of the U.S.	CWA jurisdiction-poor water quality	CWA permit required-improve water quality and restore hydrology (Water Quality Cert.)	Poor water quality	CWA permit required-improve water quality and restore hydrology (Water Quality Cert.)
Coastal Zone Management Areas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Coral Reefs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultural Resources	(FOTG) None observed on site	(FOTG) None observed on site	(FOTG) None observed on site	(FOTG) None observed on site
Endangered and Threatened Species	(FOTG) Federal/State list none observed on site	(FOTG) Federal/State list none observed on site	(FOTG) Federal/State list none observed on site	(FOTG) Federal/State list none observed on site
Environmental Justice	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Essential Fish Habitat	(FOTG) No EFH	(FOTG) No EFH	(FOTG) No EFH	(FOTG) No EFH
Fish and Wildlife Coordination	No drainage modification required; therefore, consultation not required for debris removal	LDWF will be consulted	No drainage modification required; therefore, consultation not required for debris removal	LDWF will be consulted
Floodplain Management	100-year floodplain function is impaired	100-year floodplain function is restored	100-year floodplain function is impaired	100-year floodplain function is restored
Invasive Species	Chinese tallow trees, yaupon, and Japanese privet along drainage system	Creation of openings may enhance spread of undesirables but will increase control opportunities	Chinese tallow trees, yaupon, and Japanese privet along drainage system	Creation of openings may enhance spread of undesirables but will increase control opportunities
Migratory Birds	Food and cover quality reduced	Food and cover quality improved	Food and cover quality reduced	Food and cover quality improved
Natural Areas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Prime and Unique Farmlands	Designated urban use	Designated urban use	Designated urban use	Designated urban use
Riparian Areas	Area impacted by flooding due to moderate debris accumulation	Area improved through debris removal	Area impacted by flooding due to moderate debris accumulation	Area improved through debris removal
Scenic Beauty	Impaired by moderate amount of debris	Restored when debris is removed	Impaired by moderate amount of debris	Restored when debris is removed
Wetlands	Debris will cause increased flooding impacting wetland functions and degrading existing vegetation	Removal of debris will improve wetland function and protect upland vegetation from flooding	Debris will cause increased flooding impacting wetland functions and degrading existing vegetation	Removal of debris will improve wetland function and protect upland vegetation from flooding
Wild and Scenic Rivers	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Section 2F Economic

This section must be completed by each alternative considered (attach additional sheets as necessary).

	Future Damages (\$)	Damage Factor (%)	Near Term Damage Reduction
Properties Protected (Private)			
8 Houses	\$205,569	20	\$41113.80
4 Mobile Homes	\$98,803	20	\$19760.60
Properties Protected (Public)			
Business Losses			
Other			
Total Near Term			\$60,874.40
Engineer's Estimate			
Positive economic effect			

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Section 2G Social Consideration

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	YES	NO	Remarks
Has there been a loss of life as a result of the watershed impairment?		X	
Is there the potential for loss of life due to damages from the watershed impairment?	X		Emergency vehicle access could be adversely restricted
Has access to a hospital or medical facility been impaired by watershed impairment?		X	
Has the community as a whole been adversely impacted by the watershed impairment (life and property ceases to operate in a normal capacity)	X		Impairment increases flooding impact throughout the community Loss of electrical power and communications have been experienced
Is there a lack or has there been a reduction of public safety due to watershed impairment?	X		Future events would impact nearby roadways, bridges and access to emergency vehicles

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Section 2H Group Representation and Disability Information**This section is completed only for the preferred alternative selected.**

Group Representation	Number		
American Indian/Alaska Native Female Hispanic			
American Indian/Alaska Native Female Non-Hispanic			
American Indian/Alaska Native Male Hispanic			
American Indian/Alaska Native Male Non-Hispanic			
Asian Female Hispanic			
Asian Female Non-Hispanic			
Asian Male Hispanic			
Asian Male Non-Hispanic			
Black or African American Female Hispanic			
Black or African American Female Non-Hispanic	21	50%	11
Black or African American Male Hispanic			
Black or African American Male Non-Hispanic	20	50%	10
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Female Hispanic			
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Female Non-Hispanic			
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Male Hispanic			
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Male Non-Hispanic			
White Female Hispanic			
White Female Non-Hispanic	7	50%	3
White Male Hispanic			
White Male Non-Hispanic	8	50%	4
Total Group	56		28

A total of 56 people in 24 households yields an average of 2.33 persons per household. There are 12 households in the effected area or 50% of the households and therefore the total population.

Census tract(s) Block 1021Completed By: H McDaniel Date: 3-20-06

Section 2I. Required consultation or coordination between the lead agency and/or the RFO and another governmental unit including tribes:

Easements, permissions, or permits:

Sponsor will secure all easements and permission to access work areas along drainage system on private lands.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit will be required where applicable.

CWA and water quality certification will be required for grubbing of stumps.

Mitigation Description:

Work will be performed from one side of the channel only as described in engineering report.

Debris will be burned or disposed of in an approved land fill site.

Removal or chipping debris from drainage system will improve water quality.

Agencies, persons, and references consulted, or to be consulted:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

LDWF for consultation purposes

Section 4 NRCS EWP Funding Priority

Complete the following section to compute the funding priority for the recovery measures in this application
(see instructions on page 10).

Priority Ranking Criteria	Yes	No		Ranking Number Plus Modifier
1. Is this an exigency situation?				
2. Is this a site where there is serious, but not immediate threat to human life?	X			2.d,e
3. Is this a site where buildings, utilities, or other important infrastructure components are threatened?				
4. Is this site a funding priority established by the NRCS Chief?				
The following are modifiers for the above criteria			Modifier	
a. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve federally-listed threatened and endangered species or critical habitat?				
b. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve cultural sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places?				
c. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve prime or important farmland?				
d. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve existing wetlands?			d	
e. Will the proposed action or alternatives maintain or improve current water quality conditions?			e	
f. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve unique habitat, including but not limited to, areas inhabited by State-listed species, fish and wildlife management area, or State identified sensitive habitats?				

Enter priority computation in Section 1A, NRCS Entry, Funding priority number.

Remarks:

Section 5A Findings

Finding: Indicate the preferred alternative from Section 2 (Enter to Section 1E):

THE PROPOSED ACTION IS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE, THE PROPOSED ACTION IS THE LEAST COSTLY ALTERNATIVE THAT ACHIEVES THE RESTORATION OBJECTIVE, MAXIMIZES ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS, AND IS SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE.

I have considered the effects of the action and the alternatives on the Environmental Economic, Social; the Special Environmental Concerns; and the extraordinary circumstances (40 CFR 1508.27). I find for the reasons stated below, that the preferred alternative:

 X Has been sufficiently analyzed in the EWP PEIS (reference all that apply)

Chapter 5.2.2.1.2

Chapter _____

Chapter _____

Chapter _____

Chapter _____

 May require the preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.
The action will be referred to the NRCS State Office on this date:

NRCS representative of the DSR team

Title: DC

Date: 3/29/06

Section 5B Comments:

Section 5C

Sponsor Concurrence: Dennis Fickore

Sponsor Representative

Title: Superintendent

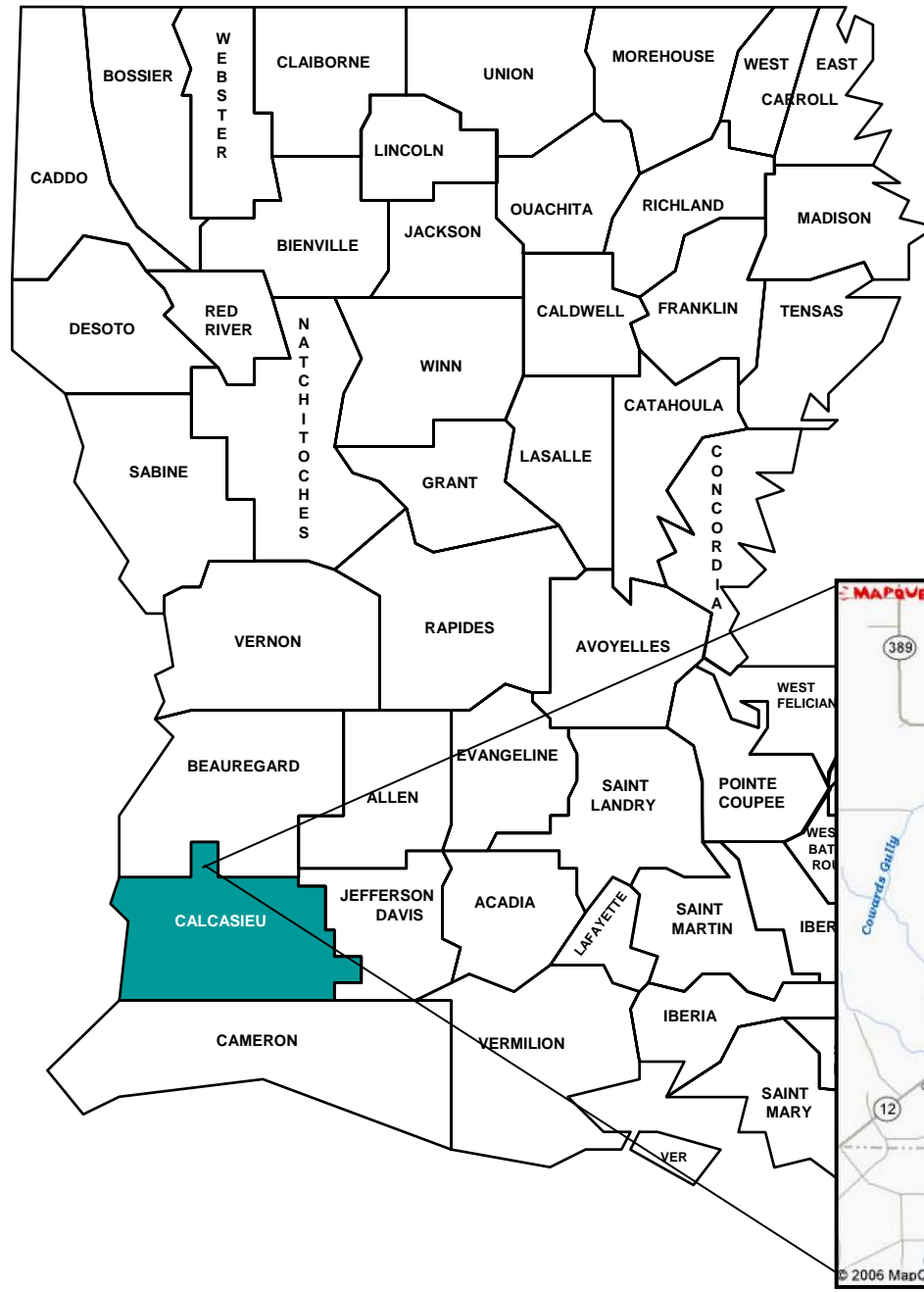
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Section 6 Attachments:

- A. Location Map
- B. Site Plan or Sketches
- C. Other (explain)

SECTION 6

ATTACHMENTS

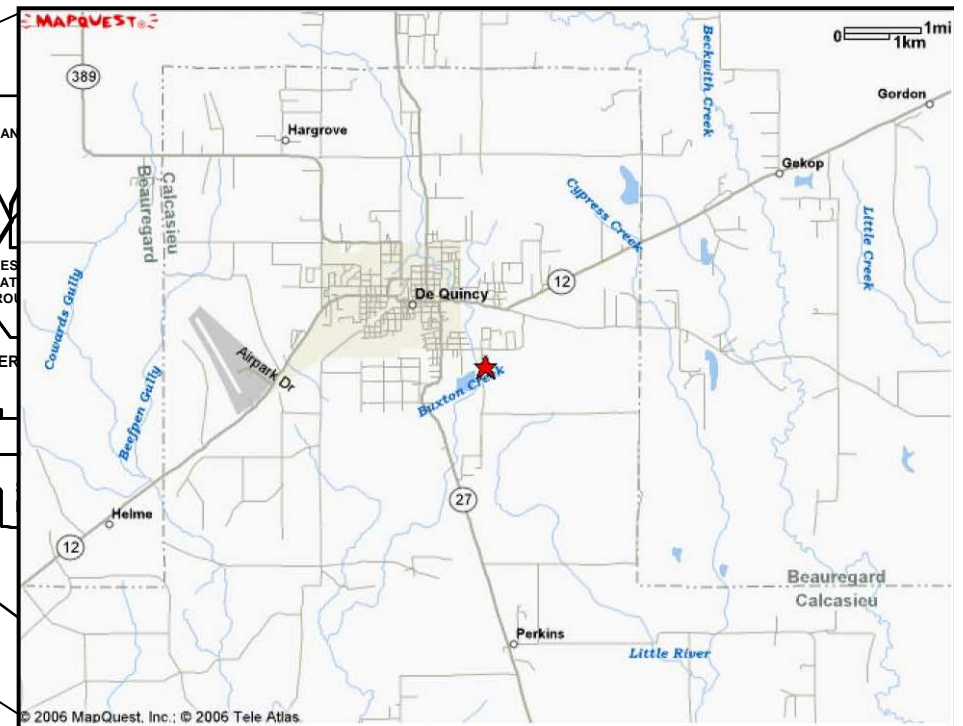


Vicinity Location Map

Calcasieu Parish

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Rigmaiden Cemetery Rd.

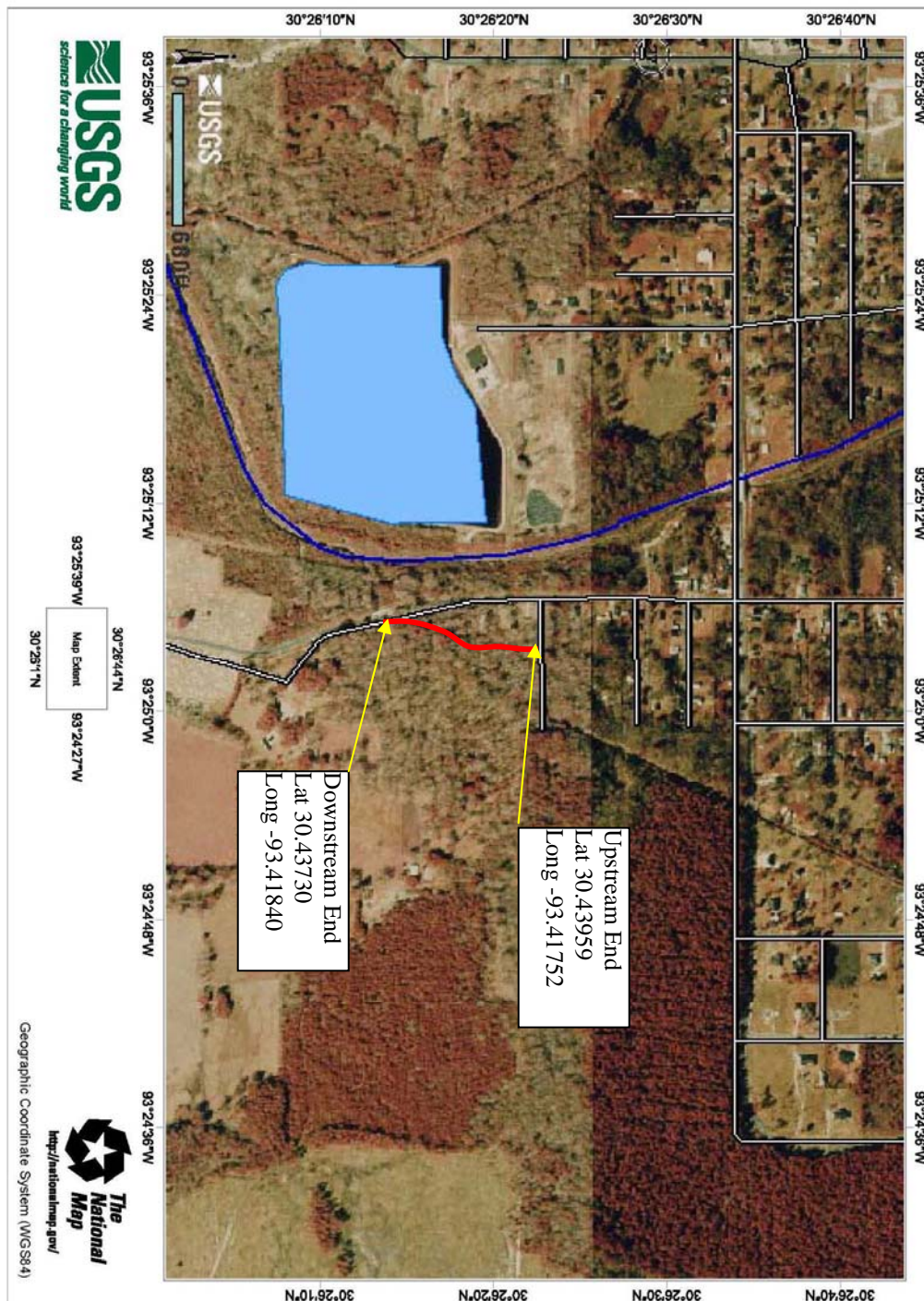


SITE MAP

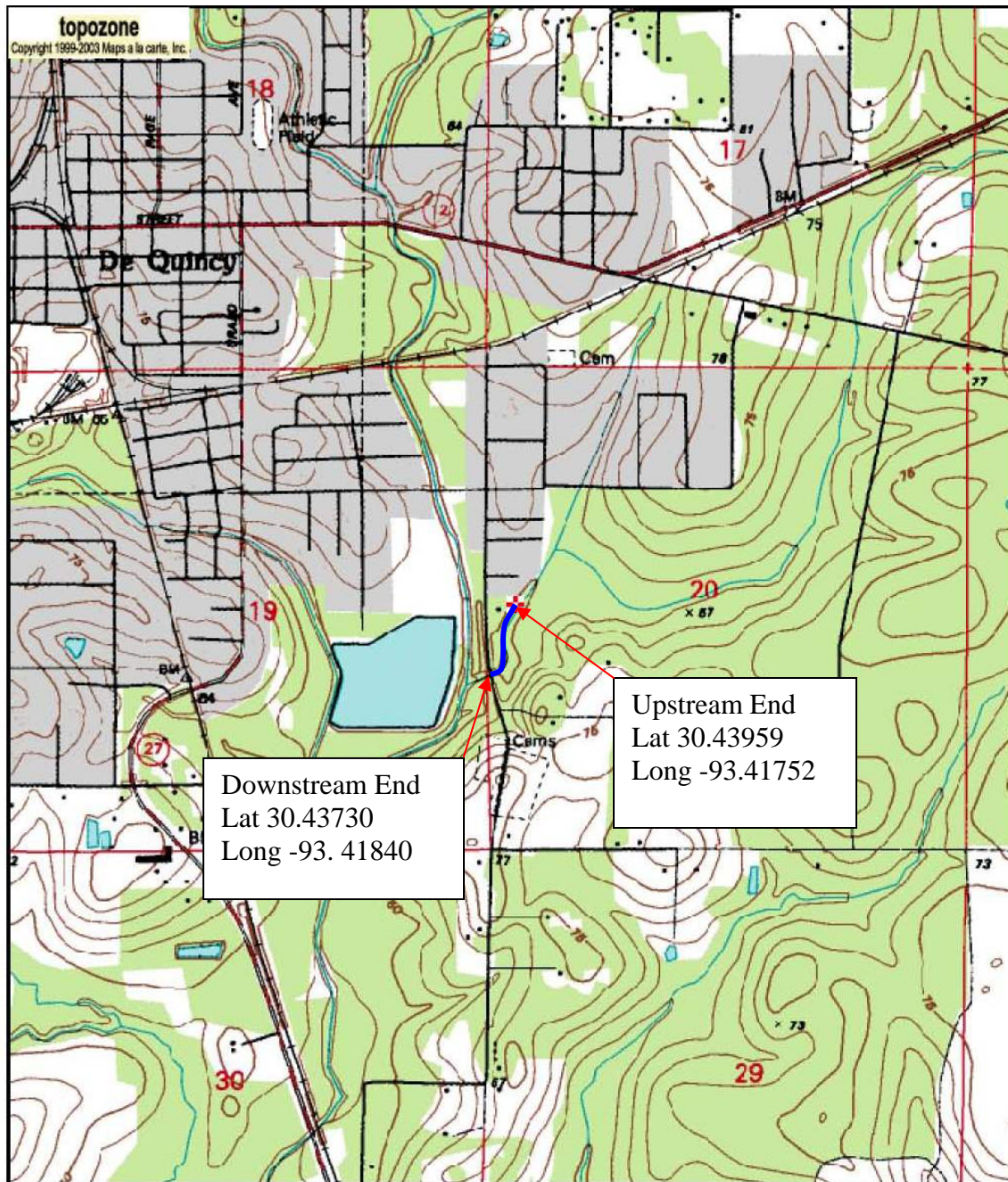
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Rigmaiden Cemetery Rd

Calcasieu Parish



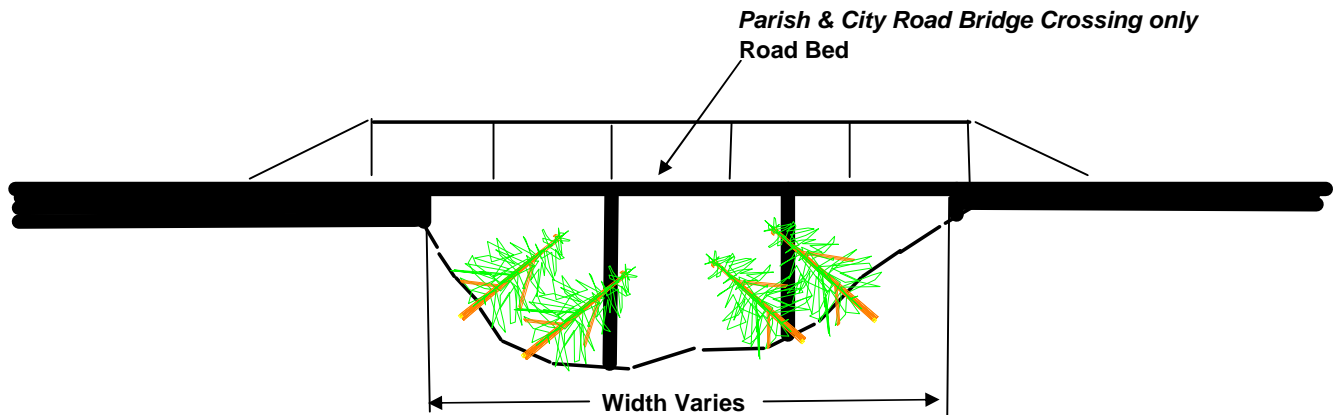
TOPO MAP
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Rigmaiden Cemetery Rd
Calcasieu Parish



0 0.3 0.6 0.9 1.2 1.5 km
0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1 mi
Map center is 30.4396°N, 93.4175°W (WGS84/NAD83)
DeQuincy quadrangle
Projection is UTM Zone 15 NAD83 Datum

M=2.8
G=-0.212

Debris Removal



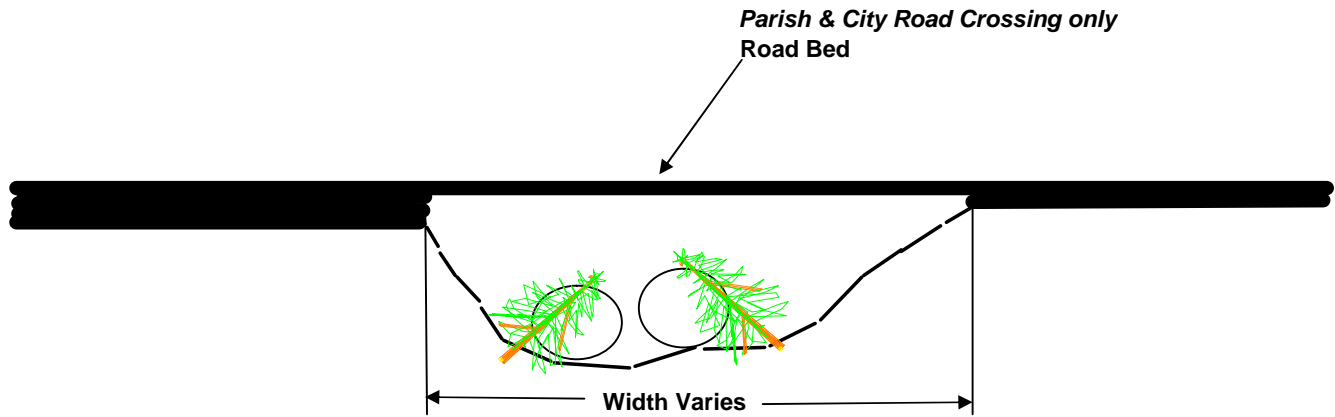
Note: Contract is to remove Debris from upstream and downstream Bridge which includes underside of bridge

Exception: All Crossing which cross State or Federal highways are not included in contract

Typical Road Bridge Crossing Not to Scale

Notice:
48 Hours Before Digging
Call 1-800-272-3020

Debris Removal



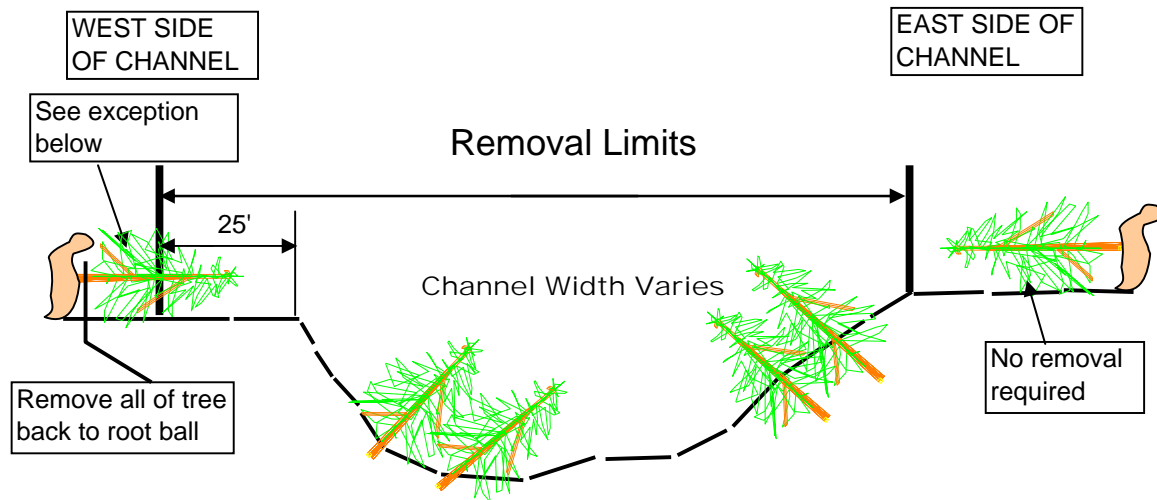
Note: Contract is to remove Debris from upstream and downstream Culverts which includes inside of culverts

Exception: All Crossing which cross State or Federal highways are not included in contract

Typical Road Culvert type Crossing Not to Scale

Notice:
48 Hours Before Digging
Call 1-800-272-3020

Debris Removal



Typical Section Not to Scale

Notice:
48 Hours Before Digging
Call 1-800-272-3020

***Note :** Access and work from west side only, except in locations where structures do not permit as concurred in by the COTR

Exception it may be possible that trees which were located outside of the the removal limits may have fallen into the removal limits, the entire tree will be removed back to the root ball even if only a portion of the tree is within the removal limits

Channel Obstruction Evaluation

SITE INFORMATION			
Parish: <u>Calcasieu</u>		Site: <u>Rigmaiden Cemetery Rd.</u>	
City: <u>De Quincy</u>			
Sponsor: <u>GDD</u>		Reach:	From - <u>30.43959° - 93.41752°</u>
Date: <u>3-17-06</u>		To - <u>North side of concrete bridge</u>	
Evaluation Team: <u>JASON & HERB</u>		<u>Rigmaiden Cemetery Rd.</u>	

PHOTO NUMBERS AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION		WAYPOINTS	
		(CIRCLE location and record in Decimal Degrees)	
Photo #	Description	Start Work (D/S end)	<u>START END</u>
		Midstream	<u>93.41752</u>
		End Work (U/S end)	<u>93.4184</u>
			<u>30.43959</u>

900 ft
of
channel

NEARBY AND UPSTREAM STRUCTURES			
(Fill in Numbers, Values, and Size)			
CHURCHES		SCHOOLS	
No. of Churches	<u>0</u>	No. of Schools	<u>0</u>
HOMESITES		BUSINESSES	
No. of Homesites	<u>~ 5</u>	No. of Businesses	<u>0</u>
Average Value of Homes (X \$1,000)	<u>30</u>	Size of Businesses	<u>S M L</u>

STREAM CROSSINGS		
(CIRCLE type and write material, size and length)		
TYPE	MATERIAL	NUMBER, SIZE, & LENGTH
<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Concrete</u>	<u>1 - 25' x 100'</u>
Culverts		
Other or None		

UTILITIES			
(CHECK the location of the utilities in the area and CIRCLE stream orientation)			
	<u>Overhead (Power, Cable, etc.)</u>	U/S	<u>D/S</u>
	Buried (Gas, Sewer, water, etc.)	U/S	D/S
	Elevated Cross channel (Water, Gas, etc.)	U/S	D/S
Remarks:			

CHANNEL CHARACTERISTICS				FLOW	
(CHECK appropriate box for slope and fill in dimensions information)					
SLOPES		DIMENSIONS		Is Water Flowing?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.5 : 1 or steeper	Top Width (ft.)	<u>25'</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.5 : 1 through 3 : 1 Slope	Bottom Width (ft.)	<u>10'</u>	Is debris accumulating? (i.e. Leaves, Trash)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flatter than 3 : 1	Depth (ft.)	<u>10'</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM					
(CHECK the boxes as needed, and CIRCLE the size of debris that applies)					
DEBRIS	IN CHANNEL	ACROSS CHANNEL	SIZE OF DEBRIS		
			BLOCKAGE		
			% of X-Section Obstructed:		
Pine Trees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Light <u>Moderate</u> Heavy	Less than 25%	<u>26%-50%</u>
Hardwoods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		51%-75%	<u>76%-100%</u>
Shrubs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Other (explain)					

WORK METHOD AND LOCATION	
(CHECK the box that best applies)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Within Channel Floating Equipment (i.e. Barge or Marsh Buggy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Within Channel Non - Floating Equipment (Excavator/Track-hoe, Spider, etc)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	From Top Banks
ACCESS TO SITE	
(Explain access issues and possible difficulties)	
Access from west side. Chip & Burn OK as	

approved by
NRES